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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

> WC Docket No. **02-314** – Application **of** Owest Re: Communications International Inc. for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service in the States of Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, I arranged two conference calls at the request of Commission staff. The first pertained to service order accuracy and the second pertained to loop qualification issues. The Owest representatives on the first call included me, Daniel Poole, Andrew Crain, Chris Viveros, Loretta Huff, and Yaron Dori of Hogan & Hartson. The Owest representatives on the second call included me, Daniel Poole, Andrew Crain, Nancy Lubamersky, Barry Orrel, Barb Brohl, Mikey O'Meara, and Yaron Dori and Carol Simpson of Hogan & Hartson. Michelle Carey, Michael Carowitz and Gad Cohen, of the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau, participated in both calls.

On the first call, Qwest provided Commission staff with a brief overview of the performance measures that may be used to evaluate Owest's electronic and manual service order accuracy. Qwest also identified the information contained in the record – as well as the results of AT&T's UNE-P trial in Minnesota – that support the position that Qwest processes service orders accurately. On the second call, Owest clarified its earlier statements regarding loop qualification, including the circumstances under which Owest performs Mechanized Loop Tests and the extent to which Qwest's obligation to provide CLECs with nondiscriminatory access to loop qualification information is affected by this activity. Quest also venfied that, in response to



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Commission staffs request, Qwest plans to submit additional written information on loop qualification tomorrow.

The 20-page limit does not apply to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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